

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of December 5, 2005.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

The Office Action

Claim 1 stands objected to because of an informality, with appropriate correction required by the Examiner.

Claims 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-10 and 15-20 stand as allowed by the Examiner, with a note to the above-stated objection regarding claim 1.

Claim Objections

With reference to the Examiner's objection to independent claim 1, the subject claim has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. In particular, the limitation "calculating a skew angle based plurality of distances" has been amended to read "calculating a skew angle based on the plurality of distances."

Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-10 and 15-20. Independent claim 1 has been amended as described above and as suggested by the Examiner. With the objection to claim 1 addressed by the amendment to independent claim 1, claims 1-10 should therefore remain in condition for allowance along with claims 15-20.

The Non-Art Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter because the Examiner believes the original claims only define subject matters which are mere abstract ideas. In order to expedite a successful prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended each of claims 11-14 to recite

limitations for a skew angle measurement and adjusting system. The limitations of independent claim 11 essentially incorporate the limitations of independent method claim 1 which has been allowed by the Examiner subject to correction of the informality as suggested by the Examiner. In particular, independent claim 11 recites limitations for a pivotally mounted ROS, a skew measurement system configured to calculate the skew angle based on measured distances between printed markers, and a skew adjustment system which adjusts the skew angle of the pivotally mounted ROS device based on the calculated skew angle. Each of these recited limitations was listed by the Examiner in the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter for independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 11, and claims 12-14 depending therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-20 remain in this application.

CONCLUSION

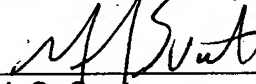
For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-20) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment A. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark S. Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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